

# Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission

**2007**

## **The Year In Review**



*Dear Racing Fan,*

*It is with great pleasure to present the following yearly report on the activities for calendar year 2007. The horse racing industry continues to change and face challenges of maintaining public confidence through wagering security and equine forensic drug testing. The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission continues their commitment to ensure that racing is fair and honest. The Commission progressively planned to ban the use of anabolic and androgenic steroids at the start of the 2008 racing season and made notice of such to the industry in December, 2007.*

*As with past years, 2007 was no different with increased competition from neighboring states with the adding of slot parlors and expansion of racing dates in Pennsylvania. The Commission continues to be progressive in their approach towards the growth and betterment of horse racing by giving the Delaware Racing Association tools in which to maintain their competitiveness. Continued improvements to the racing facility and stable areas continue as works in progress making Delaware Park one of the most picturesque facilities in America.*

*Making horseracing an event continues to be a major focus for continued health in the sport. The racing participants, including horsemen, track management and commission have to be good-will ambassadors for the sport and encourage good racing events, fair play and entertainment for the fans.*

*Sincerely,*

*John F. Wayne*

*DTRC Executive Director*



# Synopsis of 2007 Activities

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“HARD SPUN” and Trainer, J. Larry Jones

# Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission



Bernard J. Daney, Chairman

W. Duncan Patterson, Secretary – Commissioner

Henry J. Decker, Commissioner

Debbie Killeen, Commissioner

Edward J. Stegemeier, Commissioner

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John F. Wayne, Executive Director

Shelley M. Perkins, Paralegal

Andrew Kerber, Esquire, Commission Counsel



# Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission

Staff - Continued

G. Jack Houghton, Chief State Steward

Frederick L. Burkhardt, Associate State Steward

Dennis Lima, Associate State Steward

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John T. Peters, DVM Supervising Commission Veterinarian

Kathleen Picciano, DVM Associate Commission Veterinarian

Jane Teichner, VMD Associate Commission Veterinarian

Jessica Christiansen, DVM Associate Commission Veterinarian

# Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission

Francis J. Swift, Inspector

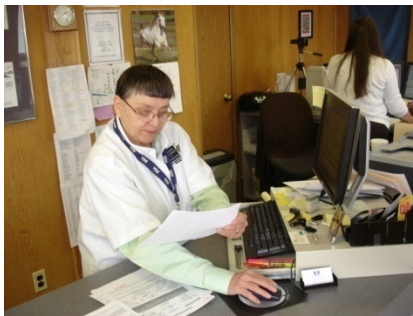
Geraldine Wilson, License Inspector

Ruth Lee, License Inspector

Casey Walker, License Inspector

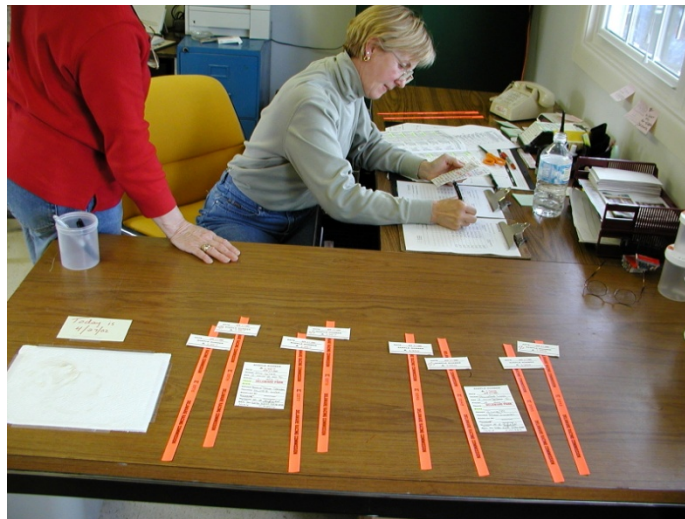
Jose Bazan, License Inspector

Barry Lee, Blood Gas Inspector/Technician





# Collection of Equine Samples for Testing



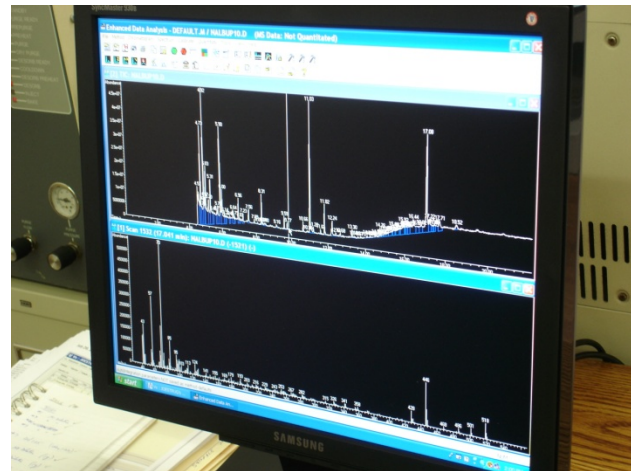
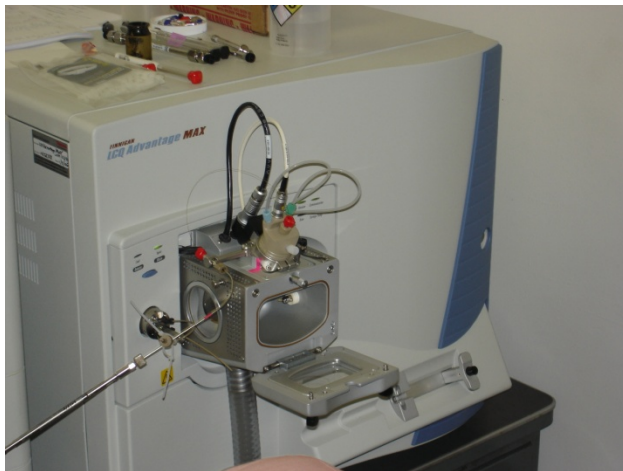
# DDA Outreach – Romanian Horse Delegation at Delaware Park





# Equine Forensic Drug Testing

## Laboratory Inspection



# DTRC Budget

Personnel	\$877,800.00
Travel	\$35,000.00
Contractual	\$99,400.00
Supplies	\$18,100.00
Capital	\$78,500.00
Fingerprints	\$76,000.00
Equine Drug Testing	\$300,500.00
Research & Development	\$150,000.00
Total	\$1,841,300.00

# Revenue Activity

## 2002 - 2007

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Licenses Issued</b>	<b>License Fees</b>	<b>Fines collected</b>	<b>Total</b>
2007	5,800	\$216,090.00	\$56,147.50	\$272,237.50
2006	6,272	\$261,510.00	\$40,280.00	\$301,790.00
2005	4,954	\$188,270.00	\$35,525.00	\$223,795.00
2004	5,005	\$206,534.00	\$23,025.00	\$229,559.00
2003	5,148	\$238,375.00	\$13,600.00	\$251,975.00
2002	4,998	\$233,455.00	\$8,857.00	\$242,312.00

# Purse Distribution Trends

## 1994 - 2007

Delaware Racing Association - Purses Paid							
Year	Live Race Days	Thoroughbred	Arabian	Total Purses	Average T'bred/Day	Average Arabian/Day	Average Purse/Day
2007	137 (135)	\$ 36,316,497.19	\$ 1,843,663.00	\$ 38,160,160.19	\$ 269,011.09	\$ 13,656.76	\$ 282,667.11
2006	136	\$ 34,015,629.00	\$ 1,855,690.00	\$ 35,871,319.00	\$ 250,114.92	\$ 13,644.78	\$ 263,759.70
2005	139	\$ 37,689,765.00	\$ 1,919,550.00	\$ 39,609,315.00	\$ 271,149.39	\$ 13,809.71	\$ 284,959.10
2004	134	\$ 33,909,303.00	\$ 1,948,800.00	\$ 35,858,103.00	\$ 253,054.50	\$ 14,543.28	\$ 267,597.78
2003	141	\$ 32,879,917.00	\$ 1,996,310.00	\$ 34,876,227.00	\$ 233,190.90	\$ 14,158.23	\$ 247,349.13
2002	141	\$ 40,846,211.00	\$ 1,643,050.00	\$ 42,489,261.00	\$ 289,689.44	\$ 11,652.84	\$ 301,342.28
2001	139	\$ 35,283,541.00	\$ 1,602,350.00	\$ 36,885,891.00	\$ 253,838.42	\$ 11,527.70	\$ 265,366.12
2000	149	\$ 36,478,964.00	\$ 1,529,950.00	\$ 38,008,914.00	\$ 244,825.26	\$ 10,268.12	\$ 255,093.38
1999	143	\$ 33,129,264.00	\$ 1,911,785.00	\$ 35,041,049.00	\$ 231,673.17	\$ 13,369.13	\$ 245,042.30
1998	143	\$ 27,377,338.00	\$ 1,344,467.00	\$ 28,721,805.00	\$ 191,449.92	\$ 9,401.87	\$ 200,851.78
1997	149	\$ 26,115,489.00	\$ 1,347,659.00	\$ 27,463,148.00	\$ 175,271.74	\$ 9,044.69	\$ 184,316.43
1996	139	\$ 20,922,178.00	\$ 810,300.00	\$ 21,732,478.00	\$ 150,519.27	\$ 5,829.50	\$ 156,348.76
1995	129	\$ 10,041,651.00	\$ 350,500.00	\$ 10,392,151.00	\$ 77,842.26	\$ 2,717.05	\$ 80,559.31
1994	135	\$ 7,639,238.00	\$ 277,503.00	\$ 7,916,741.00	\$ 56,586.95	\$ 2,055.58	\$ 58,642.53



# Wagering Trends

## Delaware Racing Association Handle Information

1993 - 2007

Year	Live Handle on track	Simulcast De. Pk out	Simulcast In (other tracks)	Total
2007	\$ 14,419,478.00	\$ 198,360,276.00	\$ 62,116,689.00	\$ 274,896,443.00
2006	\$ 17,167,868.00	\$ 211,195,699.00	\$ 69,059,698.00	\$ 297,423,265.00
2005	\$ 18,569,775.00	\$ 216,709,900.00	\$ 70,388,340.00	\$ 305,668,015.00
2004	\$ 18,233,483.00	\$ 230,272,674.00	\$ 72,348,635.00	\$ 320,854,792.00
2003	\$ 19,671,990.00	\$ 252,378,766.00	\$ 78,743,432.00	\$ 350,794,188.00
2002	\$ 22,228,588.00	\$ 260,456,580.00	\$ 88,889,344.00	\$ 371,584,512.00
2001	\$ 22,965,700.00	\$ 259,539,722.00	\$ 94,534,804.00	\$ 377,040,226.00
2000	\$ 25,455,446.00	\$ 264,338,726.00	\$ 94,421,101.00	\$ 384,215,273.00
1999	\$ 26,313,188.00	\$ 254,768,865.00	\$ 91,778,412.00	\$ 372,860,465.00
1998	\$ 25,012,926.00	\$ 205,023,148.00	\$ 89,635,910.00	\$ 319,671,984.00
1997	\$ 30,379,849.00	\$ 177,445,871.00	\$ 92,931,297.00	\$ 300,757,017.00
1996	\$ 28,442,006.00	\$ 107,368,067.00	\$ 97,200,658.00	\$ 233,010,731.00
1995	\$ 27,251,269.00	\$ 64,589,960.00	\$ 88,014,756.00	\$ 179,855,985.00
1994	\$ 35,610,116.00	\$ 21,422,110.00	\$ 59,612,946.00	\$ 116,646,172.00

Racing Commissions



# Commission Objectives

Objectives	2007	2008	2009	2010
Accreditation of Stewards	100%	100%	100%	100%
Oversight of Racing Events (Races)	100%	100%	100%	100%
Equine Samples Tested	>1,900	> 1,900	>1,900	> 1,900
Applicants Licensed by DTRC	>5,000	>5,000	>5,000	>5,000

# Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program

information provided by Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association

Year	# of Starters	# of Starts	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	15% DCTP Earnings	15% Certifier Awards	Total Annual Awards
2007	476	608	90	87	102	\$331,809.46	\$355,609.46	\$687,418.92
2006	139	476	68	61	72	\$201,286.80	214,936.80	416,223.60
2005	99	366	52	49	53	\$179,690.00	\$193,340.00	\$373,030.00
2004*	56	134	20	19	19	\$44,947.00	\$44,947.00	\$89,894.00
2003*	9	17	7	3	2	\$13,505.00	\$13,505.00	\$27,010.00



\* DCTP owners and certifiers received 10% each bonuses in 2003 and 2004



# Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program

*additional statistics*



DCTP Horses of Racing Age 1,197



291 two-year olds



223 three-year olds



174 four-year olds



142 five-year olds



64 six-year olds



Current Delaware Farms enrolled: 63



# 2008 Racing Dates and Information

Delaware Park: Live Racing Dates 136

April 19 through November 11, 2008

Simulcasting: 363 days, 7 days a week

Closed Easter and Christmas



*On the grass at Delaware Park*

*Simulcasting at Delaware Park*

# Delaware Park Stars



“Down the stretch...”



“UNBRIDLED BELLE”

Winner of the 2007 \$1,000,000.00 Delaware Handicap



2007 Breeder's Cup Jockeys from Delaware Park (left to right)

\* Gabriel Saez, Mario Pino, Ramon Dominguez, Jeremy Rose \*

# Acknowledgements

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